

## Maybe You Should Stick to Truck Driving, Brian



Big Chin's  
Fond Memories  
Include Panty Raids

**ANTIGONISH\*N.S.[CUP]**-Some of the best years of federal opposition leader Brian Mulroney were spent going on **panty raids, pilfering from the liquor store and getting suspended** from St. Francis Xavier University.

Mulroney took a "fond look" back at his college years while receiving an honorary doctoral degree at his alma mater, late last term.

"Had it not been for St. F.X., I might have been a truck driver," said the Tory leader, whose party is way ahead in public opinion polls. Mulroney explained there was nothing wrong in being a truck driver, but said the university gave him the opportunity to apply all his talents.

Aside from chasing girls, Mulroney participated in all facets of campus life-sports, politics, clubs and made sure to stay **"one step ahead of the sheriff"**. He was known for the gift of gab as a prize winning orator.

Since his graduation Mulroney raised \$12 million for the university, "because St. F.X. is family."

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## Professors' Get-Rich Scheme Blows Open Scandal at McGill

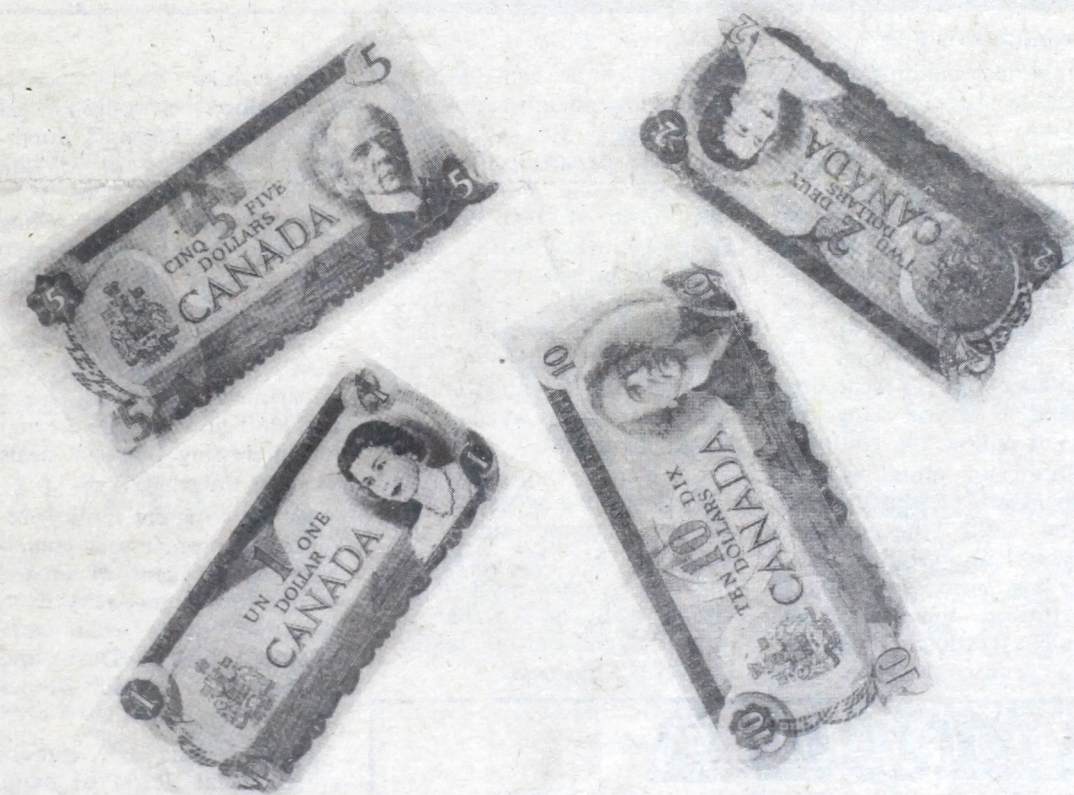
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JAN. 23, 1984—Every seat in the Quebec superior Courtroom is filled, mostly by members of the McGill microbiology department. Professors and students have arrived one by one, scattering around the room for seats without acknowledging each other. At the back, a party of well dressed McGill administrators sit straight, cocking their heads in whispered conversation.

Except for a few lawyers and journalists, every person is here under subpoena. They are unwilling participants in a far-flung controversy surrounding two microbiology professors' elaborate scheme to make fortune with their secret invention called MERLIN.

The courts are blowing open a scandal that has thrown McGill into the midst of international financial speculation and put its board of governors in a conflict of interest situation. But more than McGill's reputation is on the line as details of the affair unravel—the whole question of university research and its relationship to the private sector is under public scrutiny. And this is a classic case of such a relationship gone foul.

Sitting tight-lipped at the front of the courtroom is microbiology department chair Irving Devoe and his colleague Bruce Holbein. Since Jan. 1, 1983, the two professors redirected thousands of government research dollars, McGill microbiology equipment, staff and their own teaching time into MERLIN's secret development. Their



company, Devoe-Holbein Inc., has patented MERLIN in 15 countries, and watched its share value jump from 50 cents to \$14.45 in the past year.

Following an investigation by the student newspaper, the McGill Daily, Devoe-Holbein put up \$35,000 to apply for a court injunction against their former employee Dr. Chun Fia Yam and the Daily, to prevent technical information about the invention from leaking out. Yam has filed a number of counter-actions, including a half million dollar suit against Devoe-Holbein. Yam claims to be MERLIN's real inventor, and says the professors are trying to lock him out of any recognition for his work.

Attorneys say the legal

battles will take two years to sort out, a prospect that must make McGill administrators squirm. Such a controversy hardly helps McGill's \$61 million fund raising campaign, the largest ever in the history of Canadian universities.

The McGill Senate, the body responsible for academic standards, rejected a call for a public inquiry in early December. Instead, McGill principal David Johnston started an independent, private inquiry into the affair.

But despite his efforts, McGill's dirty linen will still get washed in public. The Jan. 23 hearing was postponed until Feb. 6. Meanwhile, the Quebec Securities Commission is investigating a charge that Devoe and Holbein illegally

sold shares in their offshore company. Devoe-Holbein International Inc., to McGill professors and staff. The Commission is also looking into potential illegal stock deals surrounding Belgium Standard, the company that will market MERLIN in Canada, and has issued a cease-trading order.

The financial mastermind of the Devoe-Holbein financial empire is Montreal stock promoter Irving Kott. Kott has a reputation for promoting stock in fledgling companies to fantastic heights, and then running off with the profits while the stock crashes around the suckers who bought it. He's stood trial many times over the last ten years for alleged illegal takeover bids,

issuing false prospects, and the like.

The cause of all this financial wheeling and dealing, MERLIN, is supposedly an alchemists's dream. It is a process for retrieving valuable substances such as gold from sea water and uranium from nuclear waste.

MERLIN's discovery and development took place under very unusual circumstances for a university research project. In Jan, 1982, Yam was ostensibly hired as the microbiology department's chief chemist. However, he had signed a confidentiality agreement with Devoe and Holbein, and was spending all his time developing another of the professors' ideas—a biological process that removed iron from liquids, stopping bacterial growth. Its commercial potential lay in its ability to preserve food.

Three months later, Yam's work took a dramatic turn. "I discovered," Yam said in an interview, "looking at the compound's structure, that you could do it much simpler. There are readily available organic chemicals which we could buy quite cheaply, which imitate the actions of the microbe."

Devoe and Holbein were ecstatic at the find, and named the process MERLIN\* Metallic Extraction for Removal of Liquids from Industries.

The two professors quickly incorporated Devoe-Holbein Inc., and proceeded to patent MERLIN. When Yam found his name was not included in the patent application he resigned in protest.

MERLIN's development took place behind locked doors in rented space in the  
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## Ontario Gives \$4.3 Million for Bilingual Programs

TORONTO (CUP)—The Ontario government will provide an additional \$4.3 million to three provincial universities for the creation and support of bilingual programs.

Philippe Garigue, principal of York University's Glendon College, said the government has promised to spend \$13.5

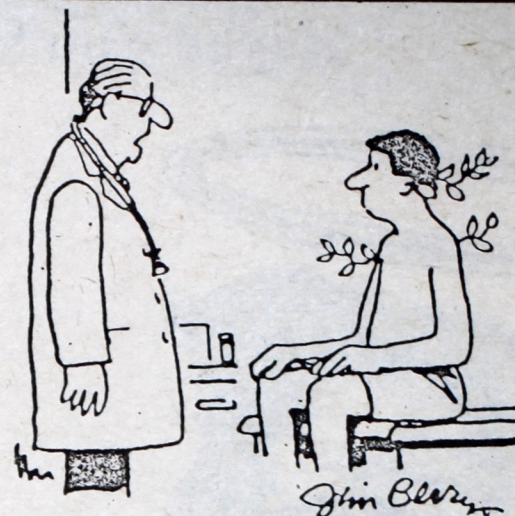
million next year to help Glendon, Laurentian University and the University of Ottawa support their bilingual programs.

The province spent \$9.2 million for such support this year.

The funds will be split between the three universities according to a mutually agreed

formula, Garigue said.

The increase in funding will mean about \$500,000 more for Glendon. Student senator Wayne Burnett said the money will probably be used to hire 10 to 15 new teachers, which may lead to a substantial increase in courses offered in both French and English at the college.



"Just how long have you been eating this high-fiber bread which turned out to be made with wood pulp?"

## "Democracy" Comes to Grenada

OTTAWA (CUP)—This is what the U.S. invasion of Grenada has brought to the people of Grenada, according to Central America Alert, a U.S. based newsletter:

- \*Search without warrant
- \*Ban on public gatherings
- \*Detention of Grenadian citizens

### STUDENT POLITICS: UPEI JOINS CFS

CHARLOTTETOWN (CUP)—Another campus has joined Canada's national student organization.

Students at the University of Prince Edward Island voted 58 per cent to join the Canadian Federation of Students in a Feb. 8 membership referendum. CFS chair Graham Dowdell said 322 of the institution's 1,700 students cast ballots.

The two-year-old federation has now won four out of four referenda this year. University of Alberta students voted to join in November, while students at the University of Regina and Laurentian University in Ontario voted to join in January.

Lakehead University in Thunder Bay held a membership referendum Feb. 28. At least seven other institutions will hold referenda in March.

The federation now has 28 full members.

- \*Restriction on textbooks and publications
- \*Removal of teachers and professors associated with the former government

The current installed U.S. government is also empowered to censor the press and make arrests without warrants.

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microbiology building, and the professors began to show a growing disrespect for academic policies and standards.

Devoe's obsession with secrecy led him to hire people for loyalty, not competence. Former microbiology graduate students were hired to work in pure chemistry. Their inexperience with lab techniques resulted in several dangerous spills of radioactive isotopes.

More and more of the department's resources were sucked into the project. Supplies disappeared from other labs, including a \$20,000 centrifuge, chemicals and several fraction collectors. Devoe's discretionary slush

fund which he controlled as department chair was used to buy supplies for the private lab. The department's three secretaries and a technician spent most of their time on Devoe-Holbein work, and even the professors' government research money—\$83,000 for research into bacterial cell division and \$45,000 for meningitis research—found its way into the MERLIN project.

Devoe traded in his lab coat for a business suit, and arranged for his graduate students to teach most of his classes while he travelled to New York and Europe, taking care of the business.

## Chose Nutrition Now

The third National Nutrition month will be held in March again this year. It is sponsored jointly by the Canadian Dietetic Association and the provincial associations for dietitians and nutritionists across Canada.

The theme for this year "Food Facts and Fallacies" is an appropriate one at this time because we are hit on all sides by all kinds of advertising. "Natural is better"; "Vitamin C prevents colds"; "Margarine has less calories than butter"

"Herbal diet plans are best" etc., etc.

What is the right answer? Your health service will be featuring quizzes for the next 3 issues. Try to answer them. These quizzes are part of the resource manual prepared by the Nutrition Month Core Committee of the Ontario Dietetic Association.

If you have any questions on these or any material, do not hesitate to contact the Nurses at the Health Service. We will be glad to help you.

Single Students Residence  
G-23 Student Street

Professors and students complained they could not get Devoe's or Holbein's attention. "You'd go in to talk about you data and your research and he'd be telling you about how he was going to earn a million dollars," said one graduate student.

While the professors were busy making use of the department's resources, Devoe and Holbein were also arranging interesting financial deals with the university.

McGill's patent policy requires that professors contribute 20 per cent of profits earned to the university from inventions made while working at school. Instead, Devoe and Holbein have McGill 20 per cent of their shares.

Three months later, elaborate financial sleight of hand ensured McGill would get far less than its 20 per cent. In February, 1983, Devoe-Holbein International was incorporated offshore in the Dutch Antilles. This is where the real money would be made.

Unwittingly, McGill may have found itself in a stock fraud, since it is a conflict of interest to own shares in a company while employing the people who run it. To avoid this situation the board of governors sent their Devoe-Holbein shares to an independent trust company. But the board is still in a pickle, especially because incoming chancellor A. Jean Grandpre, who assumes his post in April, also has connections to the invention. Grandpre is a director of Stelco Inc., which owns Torcan Inc., the Toronto-based corporation with a contract to build MERLIN's first prototype.

One or more people in the McGill administration must have been conscious of the corporate stampede through the university and allowed it to develop, but it's unlikely principal Johnson's inquiry will be made public to shed light on the affair.

Two other committees are considering the broader issues of the university's corporate involvements, and appropriate relationships between professors who are major stockholders and the university they work for.

Many large American universities already have policies that would prevent a Devoe-Holbein affair from ever taking place. At Harvard, for example, Nobel prize-winning professor Walter Gilbert was kicked out of the university after he formed Biogen, a biotechnical firm, and became its chief executive officer. Commenting on a similar situation at Yale, president Bartlett Giamatti said "when a faculty member becomes substantially involved in a company, the conflict in norms governing the dissemination of knowledge becomes very difficult to reconcile. The burden is more than even the most responsible faculty member can be expected to shoulder."

While committees ponder all the sordid details, the future of MERLIN is another question mark. McGill professors, stockholders and the executive of MERLIN's marketing firm, are suspicious of the invention's scientific worth and certainly the stock.

MERLIN, according to the Arthurian legend, appears mysteriously, performs magical tricks and vanishes forever.

# LAMBDA

Lambda Publications is the student-operated newspaper at Laurentian University in Sudbury, Ontario. While partially funded by the Students' General Association, Lambda is autonomous from other University organizations, both student and administrative.

Lambda is published weekly each Thursday during the academic year, save holidays. 3,000 copies are printed and distributed on the Laurentian campus.

Lambda Publications is a member of the Canadian University Press. As such, it is democratically controlled by its staff. Staff meetings are held every Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m. in the Lambda office, Room G-1, Student Street. Membership in Lambda Publications is open to all members of the Laurentian University community and is contingent upon three published contributions during the fall term, of five published contributions during the academic year.

The opinion expressed in the copy of this newspaper are not necessarily those of Lambda Publications. Letters and submissions must be double-spaced and should be typed. Illegible copy will not be accepted. Anonymity is available upon request, but all submissions and advertising must be in the Lambda office on Friday (before 4:00) prior to the Thursday of desired publication. Submissions made personally to the Lambda office may be accepted late, but only if Lambda is notified beforehand.

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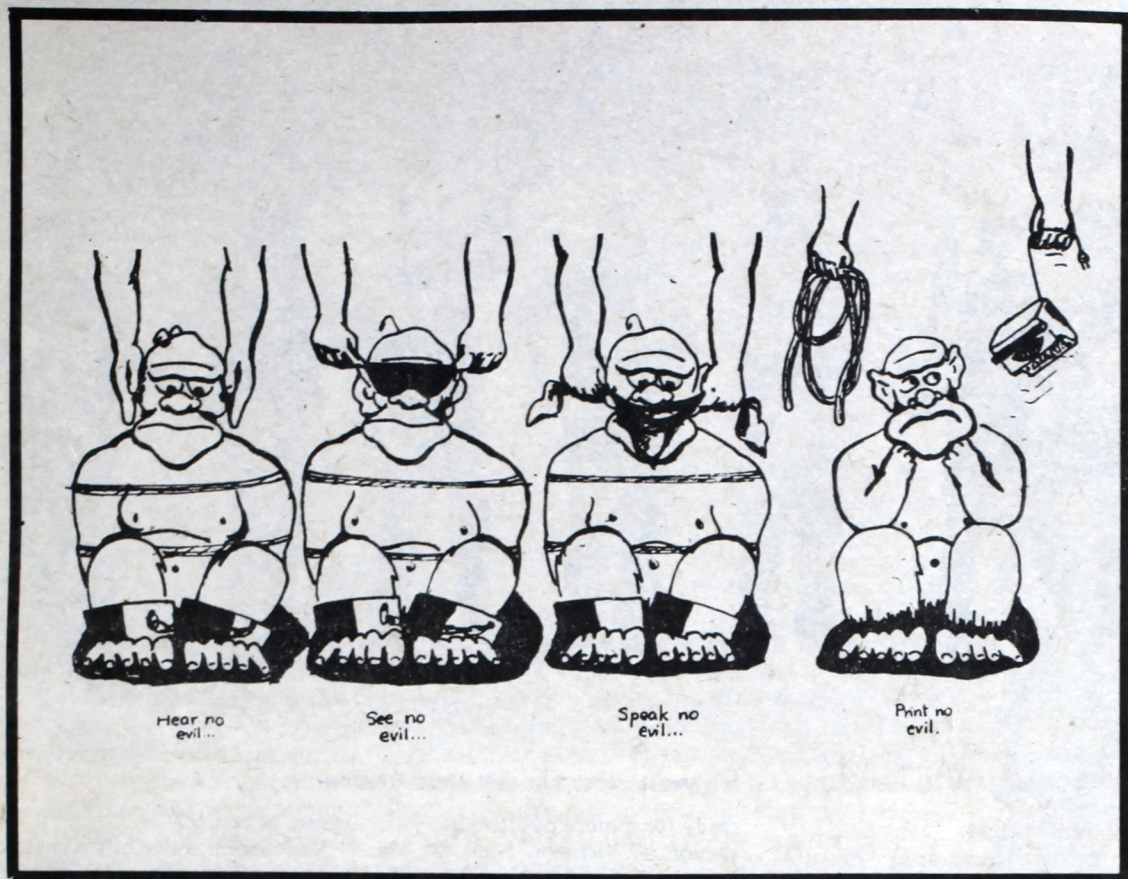


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## Profs Protest Student Press Injunctions

MONTREAL (CUP)—Recent court decisions to gag two Canadian student newspapers is a threat to all journalists, say three Concordia University journalism professors.

The McGill Daily and The Link of Concordia University are under separate temporary injunctions to not publish certain information concerning university faculty members.

"What is at stake is their right—and by extension, the right of all our newspapers—to publish material they deem to be in the public interest," said the professors in a February 1 statement.

Director of Journalism Lindsay Crysler and professors Gloria Bishop and Enn Raudsepp find it "equally alarming that this has happened without much of an outcry from the city's mainstream new media."

The Daily was served with a temporary injunction last November, preventing it and three reporters from revealing information about a controversial invention two McGill University professors soon hope to market.

A separate court injunction was placed on The Link editor and two reporters in January. The Link cannot publish "potentially libellous" articles about athletics director Ed Enos, who said the reporters intend to continue attacking him. Seven articles have been printed since mid-November about improprieties in the Concordia athletics department.

But the journalism professors say if The Daily and The Link have acted irresponsibly under Canadian law protecting individual rights, then the "proper recourse is a libel suit, not a restraining order."

They said the principle in question is the fundamental right of freedom of expression.

"Ever since 1695, when the British Parliament allowed the censorship laws to lapse, freedom of expression...has meant that the press should not be subject to prior restraint."

American newspapers like The Washington Post and The New York Times successfully fought court injunctions in the 1970's, but at a cost of thousands of dollars.

"The student press does not have that kind of money and so far few other voices have been raised against the potentially serious erosion of press freedom," the professors'

statement said.

"When the Royal Commission on Newspapers published its recommendations on the regulation of business practices in the newspaper industry, our press raised a great outcry."

"Today, when a real threat to press freedom exists, there is only silence."

The silence is particularly ironic in the case of the Daily. The Montreal Gazette revealed information about the two McGill professors two weeks before the student newspaper. The commercial daily was not restrained.

## UNICORNIA \*\*\*

Upon special request, at the tacky formal, Chris was in desperate need of self-defence lessons. Next time try a strip of cling-free to avoid STA-TIC. The variety of punches proved fatal, a good example was Leigh G., who unfortunately did not make it to the washroom in time. That's four years in a row Leigh. If you weren't fortunate enough to see the prestigious tie dunking honor, you're a nobody. By the way Opie, it's good to know she washed your sheets. It's not often George gets beat out for a formal date, Congratulations, Dave.

Early the next morning the Canadian ski team arose for yet another downhill at Mattawa. Jean Claude Newfie, being the Newfie she found the course too icy, resulting in a disastrous fall. For some reason wherever Heffer skied the snow turned yellow. (I saw a dog do that once). Saturday night turned out to be just as fatal as the skiing. Scolby, if you didn't want George in your bed, why didn't you just ask him to leave? You didn't have to beat

him up! The trip was a success as expected, so we should all thank Ray for yet another excellent job.

As we all know, the UC formal is approaching quickly. For you hopeful dates, here are some helpful hints on how to get invited or find a date for the formal. Guys, 1) Invest in designer jeans two sizes too small; 2) Make a list of potential dates; 3) Drink heavily before entering pub; 4)

Welcome Back Thorneloe after a much deserved and needed break! Hopefully everyone got all the rest they'll need to help cope with the weeks ahead. (and to recover from the past few weeks)

For instance, some should have hibernated for slack week after our Valentine's dance, since it was still going strong at 6 a.m. Speaking of the dinner and dance, it was a "smacking" success. The spaghetti was fabulous thanks to Tami and Friends, and the decorations were dazzling due to the

## Acted to Stop "Torture"

TORONTO (CUP)—The group which recently vandalized a laboratory at the University of Toronto and released 70 experimental rats, mice and gerbils, acted because the animals were being "tortured", says a spokesperson.

The man, who refused to reveal his identity, said the so-called Animal Liberation Front found two animals with electrodes attached to their heads.

But William Milgram, the psychology professor whose experiment was destroyed by the vandals, said the Animal Front representative "didn't know that he was talking about."

"We don't give electrical

shocks to animals. We supply 20 to 40 micro-amps as stimulation to the brain. If we applied that level to your finger you wouldn't feel it," Milgram said.

Jim Gurd, chair of the Animal Care Committee at the college, said many of the animals will have to be destroyed because the vandals removed identification tags from the cages and the animals themselves.

Gurd said the research for which the animals were used is now a "complete disaster."

When the treakin was discovered, all but six of the animals were found. The six not found have been kept by the Animal Front as pets, the representative said.

## Sights on Single Parents

EDMONTON (CUP)—Alberta student aid officials plan to crack down on single parent students who, they claim, often abuse the system.

The Student Finance Board is reviewing the course loads of all Edmonton and Calgary single parents who received aid for 1983-1984, according to board member Gay Mathieson.

"We're taking a good hard look at abuse within the system," she said. Single parents take a minimal course load, and fail courses but remain in school in order to receive financial aid."

Single parents who take three courses, considered a full-time load at the University of Alberta, are eligible for \$15,000 in maintenance grants per year.

The Finance Board wants to see that rise to five courses.

But Brenda Davis, a fourth year student and mother of

two, says, "They're squeezing the wrong group...it will basically force them out of school and onto welfare."

Mathieson denies this is the finance board's intention, and says single parents have to be realistic.

"The pressures of a job are equal to the pressures of an education," said Mathieson. "If they can't handle a full-time course load, and go home to their children, how will they handle a job?"

Mathieson said it sometimes takes \$65,000 in aid payments to put a single parent through school, as opposed to \$15,000 for regular students.

Karen Tjosvold, another student and mother of two, said the proposed changes would make it impossible to drop any of the five courses.

"If I hadn't the option to drop (courses), I wouldn't have made it," she said.

## Fleming Child, Not His

Borrow Greg Mac's cologne. Girls, 1) Always undo that last button; 2) Dinner invitations; 3) Tell him "my roommate's gone for the weekend; 4) Chew 32 times before swallowing. Girls, if all else fails, offer to pay for 1/2 the formal ticket.

Once again it's time for predictions. Judy Quinn will support the entire Peterborough team, Melana's date will have to clean up her puke, Janet Southern will not marry

Greg Bale, Paul Beesley will O.D. at the formal.

Although most of us will make it to the formal, the question arises, "will they make it to the post-formal party in 417?" Hang on to your tickets, the post-formal is one of the year's best. Chubb says all are welcome. Until next week, Love and Lust,

Scamp, Wop & Opie  
P.S. Gator, have money next time you order food.

## Thorneloe Thunder

2nd floor girls' talents. Finally, judging by the amount of carnations given and received there are some pretty active hormones roaming the halls!

The dance also took its toll when it came to sports. A few Sundays ago our fantastic Waterpolo team took a plunge. They were bumped out of the round robin. Another sporting event which showed similar results was girls' hockey. The killer B's really swarmed them thus losing 6-3. BUT, when you consider

Dizz spent more time on her bottom than on her skates and that Half-pint was smaller than her equipment—they did extremely well!

Janet Rieche scored two goals and Carolyn Thompson put in a third. All the girls would like to thank the guys for the athletic support. It really helped!

Now that everyone is rested and ready to go, I hope to see everyone out at all the games! Until next week,



# Uncommon Valor revises history

By BRIAN JONES

Advertisements say that Uncommon Valor was made by Paramount Pictures, but the film actually appears to be a product of the Ministry of Truth. The plot and theme are, essentially, Vietnam. But the history of Vietnam, the war, the American involvement, and the protests of millions of Americans have gone down the memory chute in favor of this new image.

Like most exercises in doublethink, Uncommon Valor relies on simplicity. Vietnam simply becomes a war that the good old American boys failed to win. And to make the matter even worse, some of the losers (good old American boys) are still brutally and unjustifiably being held prisoner by the victors (Charlie, gooks, slopes) in Southeast Asia.

**Uncommon Valor**  
directed by Ted Kotcheff  
starring Gene Hackman

Enter colonel Jason Rhodes (Gene Hackman), a retired military man whose son Frank went missing

in action in Vietnam 11 years before. It is now 1983, but Rhodes is convinced his son and other American boys are still alive and being held prisoner in Laos by people who have no respect for defenders of democracy.

Enter five men, real Men who were buddies in the marines with Frank. A few short but emotional visits from colonel Rhodes, and

## Real Men aren't afraid of the Viet Cong

they all vow to go back to Asia to rescue him.

Enter Texas oil tycoon Hugh MacGregor (Robert Stack) with his piles of good old American money just aching to finance the whole operation. Sound too good to be true? Remember — simplicity. It turns out MacGregor also has a son missing in action in Vietnam who also happened to be, golly!, a marine Buddy of Frank and those

other five Men.

Enter Paramount Pictures' rewrite department to give the American viewing audience a revised version of Vietnam. Oh sure, there's the mandatory mixed up vet who is still haunted by memories of the war, and the freaked out young recruit who has turned into a thirty-ish suicidal psychotic. Aside from turning real problems of the Vietnam war into mundane cliches, Uncommon Valor creates new ones of its own.

It is never explained, but these five tough Guys colonel Rhodes rounds up just can't wait to have another crack at those nasty Viet Cong. The script was written by Joe Gayton, but somewhere in the bowels of Paramount's Hollywood offices there probably lurks a struggling writer named Winston Smith who wants to give America the message that all healthy, self-respecting, freedom-loving Vietnam war veterans want nothing more out of their remaining days than to go back across 8,000 miles of ocean and a decade of re-evaluation to have a chance for a rematch with Charlie. "I've been waiting 10 years for this," says ex-helicopter pilot turned hospital administrator Curtis Johnson.

And so, no doubt, has Hollywood. It is 10 years since the last American troops left Vietnam, and given that Hollywood has provided serious examinations such as The Deerhunter, Coming Home and Apolapypse Now, the people who work with celluloid truth have apparently decided that America is

Furthermore, Pratt and Whitney exported aircraft engines to Indonesia which were used in its invasion and occupation of East Timor. The invasion of East Timor has resulted in the murder of 250,000 Timorese.

\*Litton Systems Canada Ltd., is not only involved with

## THE SEWER BALL

ready for a more positive, patriotic version of Vietnam. Napalm? My Lai? Saturation bombing? Pacification? Cambodia? Down the chute with them, and let's get on with a good '80s story of how a few good old American boys can still show those commies a thing or two.

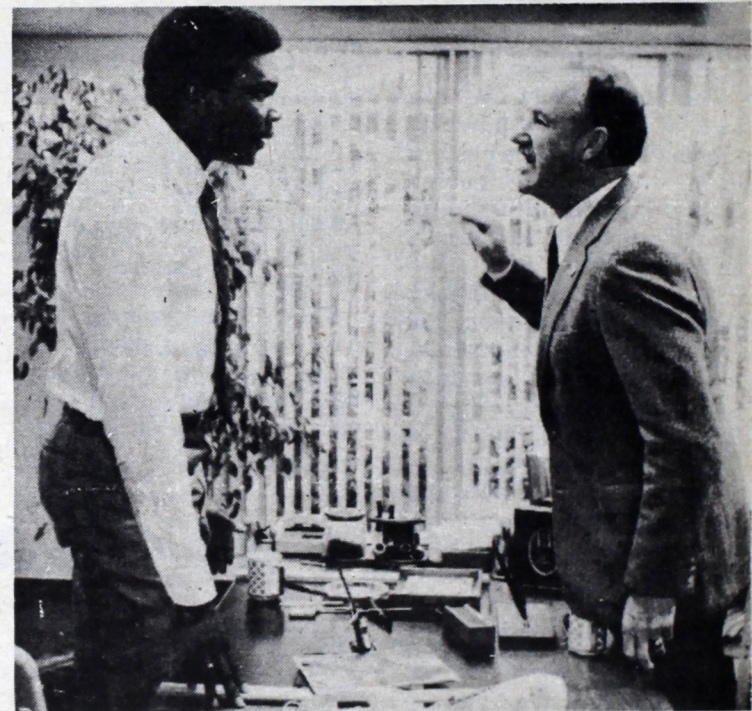
Or in Blaster's (Reb Brown) words, "All right you guys, come and get it!" Pretty John Wayne-ish, for sure, but what else is one to say before blasting oneself and a dozen or so V.C. to bits? All in a good

cause, of course.

Uncommon Valor hits a new extremity in ultra-rightwing filmmaking. There's plenty of action, granted, but the sophistication of its analysis is Ministry of Truthish. But wait! Director Kotcheff can do another, equally exciting remake. There's this group of War of 1812 veterans, see, and they're sitting around the old folks home in Florida one day when they decide to take one last revengeful shot at those damn leftwing Canucks . . .



HACKMAN AND FRIENDS . . . ten years older but still after Charlie



DADDY . . . rounds up Buddies to rescue Son.

## Where Weapons are Used

In Military - economic language "end-use" is a term which refers to the actual military application of the exported weapon or weapons component. The Canadian government insists it has never wavered from its policy of selling only defensive arms abroad, and refusing to export to any area which is involved in potential or actual conflict.

However, weapons which leave Canada with a civilian designation are modified and given a military use. Ernie Regehr of Project Ploughshares says, "It's absurd to argue that you are not really involved in military activity unless you are pulling the trigger."

It is naive, dangerous, and a blatant contradiction of Canadian policy to assume it is enough that military commodities leave Canada in good faith. Canada now sells about \$150 million of military equipment to the Third World, and its "end-use" is strictly offensive.

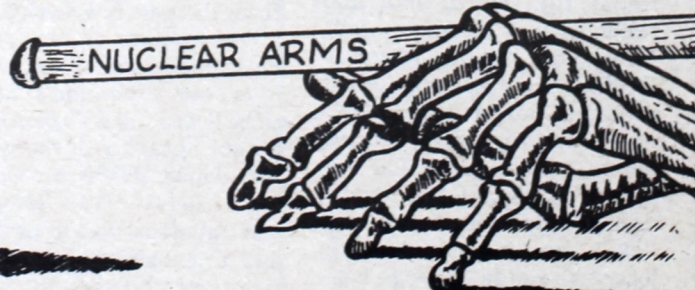
\*The light armoured vehicles (LAV) made by General

Motors Canada (see above) are for the U.S. Rapid Deployment Force, A U.S. Marine General, present when the first armoured vehicles rolled off the assembly line at GM said, that if the Marines had these vehicles already they'd be using them in Lebanon and Grenada.

\*The aircraft engines made by Pratt and Whitney Aircraft of Canada, and licenced as civilian exports, are used by the El Salvador government.



PAUL CURTIS '83



the cruise missile, but through the Defence Programs Branch, is attempting to secure a contract to supply Chile with military and security equipment. Litton, and five other corporations, are attempting to export security systems for three Chilean prisons, electronic tactical warfare

training simulators, and both shipborne and airborne surveillance systems to meet the requirements of offshore patrol and anti-submarine warfare.

Canadian government officials attempt to justify their arms export policy by relying on the "whole or the parts argument." That it is acceptable to manufacture a part of a weapon but not the entire weapons systems.

Furthermore, once the military commodity leaves Canada it is not our concern that it is modified to military specifications.

The extension of this logic is to attempt to explain to an East Timorese, whose village has been leveled in a bombing raid, not to blame Canada—we only make the engine.



## Central American conflicts:

## Correspondent criticizes coverage

by Peter Laurie  
Reprinted from the *Charlatan*  
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"Clearly just the fact of willingly, voluntarily covering wars suggests that there's something a little bit strange about the people doing it."

That's quite a statement coming from a man who, for the last three years, has been covering the wars of Central America. Yet its candor is typical of Oakland Ross, 30, the *Globe & Mail's* one-man Latin American bureau.

Since taking the job in 1981, Ross has become perhaps Canada's most informative and opinionated press commentator on Central American affairs, covering extensively the conflicts in El Salvador and Nicaragua. It was the same honesty, one suspects, that saw his name turn up on the hit list of a Salvadoran right wing death squad when the list was made public last year.

The *Charlatan's* Peter Laurie recently had a chance to speak with Ross when he was in Toronto for a short visit. Ross is now in Grenada, covering the aftermath of the recent coup on the island.

Among other things Ross spoke candidly about a problem that affects every journalist and reader: the question of 'objectivity'.

CHARLATAN: Do you think we Canadians are getting a fair, objective picture in the press of what is going on in El Salvador or Nicaragua? Is such a thing possible?

ROSS: I think that there are biases, and I think those are legitimate biases in many cases, reflecting the judgement of the journalist there. For example, in some classic sense I could say "this is the extreme position on one side of some kind of dispute, and this is the extreme position of the other side ...so I will just draw this line half way between the two extremes."

But that's really a simplistic way of looking at issues. It has no value content; it has no moral content; it has no content of humanity ...I think you could say that, in some cases, maybe one side is more right than the other. And if you feel that way, what are you

supposed to do? Are you still supposed to draw this imaginary line down the centre of the two polar extremes? I don't think so. I think you have to let all kinds of things affect you, and not the least of those things is your conscience.

CHARLATAN: How much of a problem is basic ignorance of Central America — cultural, historical, language barriers — for most correspondents?

ROSS: Obviously there are problems for people from North America going to areas with different cultures, different languages, different histories and different kinds of social problems; that's certainly true. Yet most of the correspondents I know are very, very committed people — not simply to their own careers, but to the region — and are addicted to the issues and events of the region. We talk about it endlessly ...I and two other people claim the record for the longest non-stop conversation about Central American affairs: an uninterrupted 13-hour discussion about Central America conducted in the coffee shop of the Intercontinental Hotel in Managua.

You're not talking about dilettantes or dabblers when you're talking about the journalists in the region; you're talking about people who are endlessly fascinated with the region and, I think, care very much about what happens to the people.

CHARLATAN: But the fact remains that most of the news about El Salvador, for instance, actually originates in Washington. With that in mind, do you think we're seeing everything we could about the situation in Central America?

ROSS: In geopolitical terms, the real news (about Central America) is coming out of Washington because, as has been the case throughout this century, Washington is determining events in Central America ...so there's obviously a focus in the news on what Washington thinks about the conflict in El Salvador. In fact, however, that's an accurate bias.

CHARLATAN: Accurate?

ROSS: I mean accurate in the sense that you can't cover El Salvador



El Salvadoran government troops marching through San Salvador

without lending a great deal of importance to what the United States thinks ...because you have to realize the great influence of the United States down there. Whether you agree with it, or however you may feel about it; the fact is that, as a journalist, you can't deny it exists.

Of course, one of the dangers is that you can forget there is a little country down there of 4.5 million people, and each of them is as much a human being as Ronald Reagan is. There may well be a tendency — and I think you see quite a lot in the U.S. newsmagazines — to forget that there's a whole historical texture, a whole social texture and, in fact, a country that exists and has meaning and has to be covered on its own terms.

CHARLATAN: What happens to the process of reporting a situation like that in Central America, which is two-sided at least, when the one side of the conflict is considered 'legitimate' and the other not, in Western eyes?

ROSS: I think what you have to recognize is that there are no 'objective' or 'authoritative' sources in a situation as polarized as the situation in El Salvador. There's no one you can talk to who does not have a strong identification with one side or another — and there's a lot more than two sides. You have to weigh that out in your mind, and that's very difficult — certainly for journalists who are 'parachuted' in (for a couple of weeks at a time). It's very difficult to know when you're being bullshitted at first.

CHARLATAN: Or used?

ROSS: Or used, or manipulated — it happens all the time. You get better at that. Sometimes the manipulation is quite subtle; sometimes it is really unsubtle, like information officers at the United States embassies in the region who just leave photographs laying on their coffee tables that they want you to sort of 'accidentally' see.

Probably the over-riding concern of any journalist — apart from how much money he makes, I suppose — is the fear of getting sucked in, the fear of having the wool pulled over his eyes ...because that's the worst disservice he can perform to his readers.

CHARLATAN: Speaking of readers, does it bother you not knowing

how much you can assume your audience knows or cares about the issues or the area?

ROSS: Sure it does. The difficulties in terms of covering Central America are, terrifyingly enough, a lot more basic than some of the things we're talking about. The problem is that people don't know fuck-all about Central America, and even if you cover it, they still don't — because most people don't read about it, and if they do read about it, they don't remember. How can they? They've got so much else to worry about.

CHARLATAN: If you could visualize certain fundamental changes in North American reporting of Central America, what would you like to see?

ROSS: I'd like to see more systematic coverage of some of the areas when they're not 'hot'. I'd like to see, in terms of Canada, much more foreign correspondence period, and less of this (practice of) sending out education reports to have their trial-by-fire in El Salvador for two weeks, and 'then coming back home — which Canadian newspapers tend to do a lot of and consider that an investment in foreign news.

There does seem to be a sense here that the North American press in El Salvador, for example, is too much in the hip pocket of the United States government. I don't really believe that's true — certainly not in my experience.

But there are problems. I know we're called 'mainstream' journalism; and by mainstream journalism I think what people mean is that we don't clap for one side or the other. And we're very conscious of not clapping for one side or the other ...so maybe what we need more of is a little bit of daring, not in terms of physical courage, but the willingness to go out on a limb. A journalist should perhaps bare himself a little sometimes and show that he's trying to puzzle these things out as well — and not get involved in glib political analysis. A lot of the very slick kinds of stories we write maybe lack some of the questioning that has got to be involved in coming to grips with any of these issues. Probably any good story on Central America should end with a question mark ...



Sandinista tank commanders on parade in Managua



# Sports



## Clamshells Victorious

In the B league championship, the Ph.Ed. Clamshells encountered the UC Longhorns on Wednesday night. The Clamshells led throughout the game; with a 3-0 lead after the first period, 3-2 after the second. They never looked back and wrapped it up 6-3 with an open net 17 seconds left in the game.

The six goals were shared by John Fenton, Jacques Seguin, Berny Trudel, Sylvain

Ducharme, Art Beaudry and Phil Couture as the Clamshells ended the season with a perfect 8-0 record. For the losers Tom Pizalinas, Ehres Martin and Rob Mooney each scored one a piece.

Clamshells defeated the Cosmos 5-2 and Economics 1-0 to reach the finals. While Longhorns surprised the Engineers in a 4-3 victory and beat Huntington by the same score after ridding of the UC Leftovers 6-2.

## UC Unicorns Win

UC Unicorns were determined the winners of the A league intramural hockey on Sunday night. Three unanswered goals in the first period were sufficient enough to win the contest but a fourth goal was added in the third period after Huntington had rallied back to make it 3-2.

Mark Tice, Greg McEvey and Ray Nadeau scored in the first period of play, taking a 3-0 lead after one period. But Huntington tallied back with two goals, one from Ian Longmore in the second and

another from Ton Clark early in the third to make it a 3-2 game.

Huntington missed many chances to tie it up, but Scott Ramsey made it 4-2 for the Unicorns with four minutes left to play.

The Unicorns defeated the Classics 4-3 to advance to the finals, getting a bye in the first round because of their first place finish. Huntington advanced with a 6-4 win over U of S and a 3-2 win over CCCP.

## Men's Basketball

The Laurentian University men's basketball team finished the season in third place due to two impressive wins this weekend. Friday night, the Voyageurs easily defeated Ryerson by a score of 95 to 72. Top scorers for Laurentian were Bill Sandblom with 23 points, Jeff Gark and Tim Yawney with 13 points each, Mike Hamilton with 12 points and Rob Thirkill with 10 baskets. Rob Thirkill dunked the ball on three separate occasions to the crowd's

delight.

On Saturday night, the Voyageurs needed to beat the Carleton Ravens by five points to move into third place ahead of this same team due to a four point loss earlier in the season. Laurentian was up to the task and then some, demolishing Carleton by an 82 to 53 score. Laurentian's top scorers were Jeff Gark with a game high 21 points, Tim Yawney with 17pts. Jeff MMcKibbon collected 13 hoops and Bill Sandblom netted 11 baskets.

## Awards Night

An awards night was held at Huntington Lounge on Monday night to honour the winners, runner-ups as well as MVPs for the final games.

Mark Tice from UC Unicorns was awarded for his play in the win, Randy Depiero was chosen for the losers. In the B league final, John Fenton

received honours for the winners and Rob Mooney picked up the award for the UC Longhorns.

I would like to congratulate the winning teams for their performances and for the losers, a good effort and better luck next year.

## Swim Team Breaks OUAA Records

On Saturday and Sunday the Laurentian Men's Swim team saw their first action at the OUAA Swimming Championships hosted by U of Waterloo at Wilfrid Laurier's pool. Swimmers Alex Baumann, Dave Bell, Gilles, Cinq-Marc, and Rob Wallenius and coach

Bill Parks represented Laurentian University at the OUAA Championships.

On Saturday, Laurentian's four man team broke four OUAA records, on in which they all combined their efforts in the 400m individual medley to place first with a time of

3:54.94. Dave swam the butterfly, followed by Rob's backstroke (an OUAA record of 58.10 in 100m backstroke of 400IM), Alex, was next with the breaststroke, and Gilles was anchor with the freestyle. THE FOLLOWING ARE SATURDAY'S RESULTS:

|                         |     |                   |                            |
|-------------------------|-----|-------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>ALEX BAUMANN</b>     | 1st | 200m Breaststroke | <b>2:16.85 OUAA RECORD</b> |
|                         | 1st | 200IM             | <b>2:01.23 OUAA RECORD</b> |
| <b>BOB WALLENIUS</b>    | 1st | 200m Backstroke   | <b>2:06.23 OUAA RECORD</b> |
|                         | 2nd | 200IM             | 2:07.56                    |
| <b>GILLES CINQ-MARS</b> | 3rd | 200m Freestyle    | 2:01.17 Consolation final  |
|                         | 6th | 50m Freestyle     | 25.80 Consolation final    |
| <b>DAVE BELL</b>        | 4th | 100m Butterfly    | 59.10                      |
| <b>LU RELAY TEAM</b>    | 1st | 400IM Relay       | <b>3:54.94 OUAA RECORD</b> |

## Track Team Prepares for Championships

Doc Wallingford took his track team to Toronto on Saturday to compete at York University in the Laurier

Invitational indoor meet. Marc Poulin has once again broken a Laurentian record posting a time of 2:28.0 in the

1000m for a second place finish. The following are the results of the indoor meet at York:

|                  |     |             |            |
|------------------|-----|-------------|------------|
| Marc Poulin      | 2nd | 1000m       | 2:28.0     |
| Sylvia Postenka  | 3rd | long jump   | 5.1m       |
| Sharon Goodridge | 4th | long jump   | 4.55m      |
| Jenny Logan      | 5th | 600m        | 51.43 secs |
| Geoff Kendall    | 5th | 5000m       | 15:44.9    |
| Dan Kimmerer     | 6th | 1500m       | 4:02.8     |
| Penny Forth      | 8th | 300m        | 43.65 secs |
| Ted Winter       | 8th | 300m        | 37.14 secs |
| Dean Marson      | 8th | 60m hurdles | 9.35 secs  |

Greg Bale-Paul-Taylor-Geoff Kendall-Marc Poulin 2nd 4x800m 8:37.3

## Intramural Powderpuff Hockey

The whistle blew and at 11:30p.m., Sunday Feb. 12th the first puck was dropped and this year's Intramural Powderpuff Hockey was off to a start. The first game matched the PHED Golden Blades against the Ulcerette Ugliers with the former team posting a 9-0 victory. The second game, played at 12:30, showcased the talents of the Mismatches against the Poisonettes, with the result being a very close game—5 to 4 for the Poisonettes.

Two games were also played on Monday night, starting at 11:30p.m., where the Fallen Angels and the Playgirls played to a 3-all tie. The second game, brought a 6-3 victory for the Killer B's

(alias: the Laurentian Experience), over the Thorneloe Thunderbirds.

Wednesday, Feb. 15th, was the close of the first week of play, with 3 games taking place: firstly, the Ulcerette Ugliers and Huntington Hazards provided a close and exciting game, with the Ugliers coming out ahead, with a 3 to 2 win; secondly, the Killer B's posted another victory, with a 6-0 win over the Mismatches; and finally, the Strokettes displayed a convincing victory over the goodnatured Huntington Hostshots, with a score of 10-0.

This year, there are eleven teams playing in the league, with 3 teams—the PHED Golden Blades, the Ulcerette

Ugliers and the Huntington Hazards—comprising the competitive league, and 8 teams—the UC Playgirls, UC Fallen Angels, UC Mismatches, Huntington Hostshots, U of S Strokettes, SSR Poisonettes, SSR Killer B's and the Thorneloe Thunderbirds—comprising the fun league.

Games are played Sunday, Monday and Wednesday nights, with 3 on Sunday (10:30-1:30), 2 on Monday (11:30-12:30) and 3 on Wednesday (10:00-1:00). This year appears to be a very fun and exciting one, so all you fans come on out and cheer your teams on! Also, good luck to all teams, in the rest of the season!





# Final Standings Men's Intramural Basketball

## "A" Division

| Blue Section    | W | L | Pts |
|-----------------|---|---|-----|
| Mafia           | 5 | 0 | 10  |
| Chicken Chokers | 4 | 1 | 8   |
| E Lakers        | 3 | 2 | 6   |
| UC Redcaps      | 2 | 3 | 4   |
| SPAD Rimsters   | 1 | 4 | 2   |
| Hustlers        | 0 | 4 | 2   |

## "B" Division

|                    | W | L | Pts |
|--------------------|---|---|-----|
| Beaver Patrol      | 3 | 1 | 6   |
| Archibald's        | 2 | 2 | 4   |
| Thorneloe Nads     | 2 | 1 | 4   |
| Huntington Knights | 2 | 2 | 4   |
| Pigeons            | 2 | 2 | 4   |
| Ten Men            | 2 | 1 | 4   |
| Thorneloe Thunder  | 0 | 4 | 0   |

## Classic Section

|                 | W | L | Pts |
|-----------------|---|---|-----|
| Faculty Selects | 4 | 0 | 8   |
| U of Sudbury    | 3 | 1 | 6   |
| UC Towers       | 2 | 2 | 4   |
| Soccer Vees     | 1 | 3 | 2   |
| Enbeeay         | 0 | 4 | 0   |

Congratulations goes out to both the Faculty Selects (A Division) and the Beaver Patrol (B Division) who won their respective division championships.

In the A Division final Mike Heale lead the Faculty Selects with a 20 point performance to help his team in their win over the Chicken Chokers 47-39. Mark Blanchard scored 17 points in a losing cause.

In the B Division final Peter Clousi scored 11 points to lead the Beaver Patrol to a 32-14 win over the Huntington Knights. Jamie Ceechetto scored 10 points for the underdogs.

Many thanks goes out to all participants in the Basketball Schedule in helping it run smoothly.

## Lady Vees Lose To U of T in OWIAA Final

The OWIAA Championship was not to be Laurentian's as they went down to defeat to the University of Toronto Blues by a score of 64-50. The Blues played a strong first half as they shot 77 % from the floor. The half ended with Blues leading 38-20. The second half saw the Lady Vees

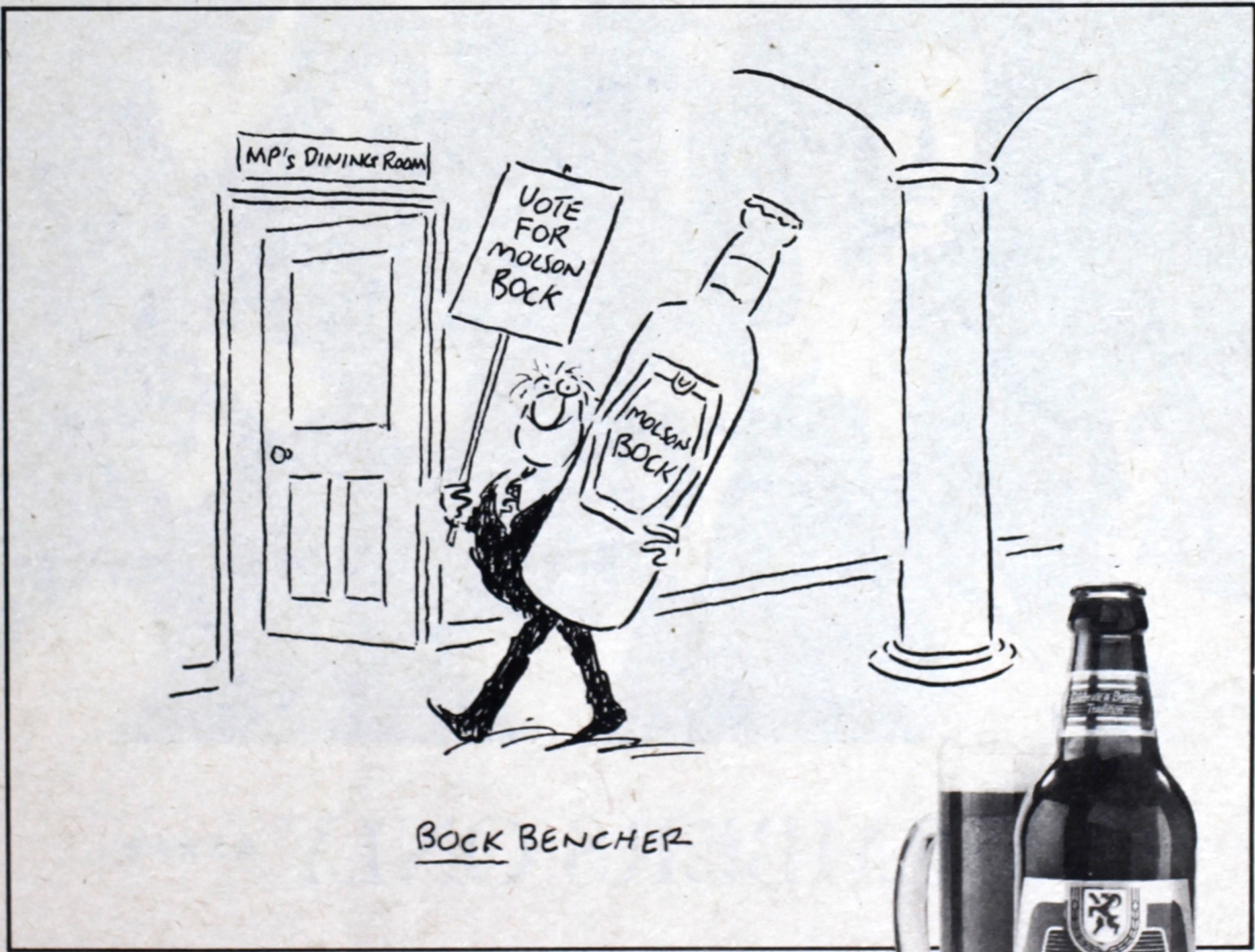
play well and outscore the Blues, but it was not enough to capture the OWIAA Championship. Top scorers for LU were Anne Rimes with 16pts. and Lorie Kenopic with 12pts. The Laurentian Lady Vees qualified for the OWIAA Final by first defeating the

Guelph Gryphons 60-43, and then defeating the Queen's Golden Gals 54-50 in the semi-finals. Leading scorers for the Vees in the game against the Gryphons were Joy Bellinger with 19pts., and Lorie Kenopic with 15pts. The Queen's Golden Gals were a surprise in the

semi-final against the Vees as the Vees only beat the Golden Gals by a 4pt margin. Top scorers for the Lady Vees were Joy Bellinger with 16pts., Lorie Kenopic with 15pts., and Anne Rimes with 10pts. Laurentian's Lorie Kenopic was selected player of the game in the game against Queen's.

By reaching the finals at the OWIAA Championships the Lady Vees have qualified for the CIAU Finals March 1,2,3 at U of Manitoba in Winnipeg. This is the tenth straight year the Lady Vees have qualified for the national championships.

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